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(PLANE)

NAHA, OKINAWA--A U.S. AIR FORCE SR71, FASTEST PLANE IN THE WORLD, IS MISSING AND PRESUMED CRASHED IN THE PACIFIC, AMERICAN MILITARY SPOKESMEN SAID TODAY.

THE TEST VERSION OF THE HIGH LEVEL RECONNAISSANCE JET, SUCCESSOR TO THE U2 SPY PLANE WAS REPORTED OVERDUE TUESDAY DURING A "ROUTINE TRAINING FLIGHT" FROM THE LOCAL AIR FORCE BASE.

THE PILOT SENT A LAST MESSAGE FROM A SPOT ABOUT 600 MILES SOUTH OF HERE AND 500 MILES EAST OF MANILA, THE SPOKESMEN SAID.
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